level crossings.

10. The unmanned level crossings are progressively being manned in a phased manner. Although the initial cost of manning of unmanned Level Crossings, has to be borne by the Road authority concerned and annual operating & maintenance cost is to be borne by the Railway, considering the serious consequences of the accidents at unmanned Level Crossings, Railway has decided to man 4449 hazardous level crossings at its own cost in a period of 5 years.

Railways have also decided to man equal number of Level Crossing at its own cost as are manned through funds from MPLADS as per the recommendations of Hon'ble MPs.

Ongoing Railway Projects in Assam

2102. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the present position of various ongoing railway projects in Assam; and

(b) the details of targets achieved in this regard, so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL) : (a) and (b) The information is given as under :—

Ongoing Railway Projects in Assam

S. No.	Project	Kms	Status
1	2	3	4
New line			
1.	Dudhnoi-Depa	15.5	Work on this project would be taken up only after the land becomes available and will be completed within 2 years of land being made available.
2.	Harmuti-Itangar	22	This work has been frozen. Survey for an alternative alignment at the request of State Govt. from Bedati to Itanagar (45 km) has been sanctioned.
3.	Diphu-Karong	123	This work has been temporarily pended since Govt. of Manipur has suggested to have Jiribam-Imphal as an alternative alignment to this work. Survey for new alignment has been included in the Budget 2001-02.

1	2	3	4
4.	Bogibeel Bridge	46	Final location survey has been completed and alignment marked on the ground. Physical work like land acquisition, earthwork is likely to commence during the current year.
5.	New Maynaguri-Jogighopa	245	Final Location Survey has been taken up through M/s. RITES and report is expected to be available by Dec., 2002.
6.	Jogighopa-Guwahati	142	Work completed and commissioned.
Gauge Conversion			
7.	Lumding-Dibrugarh with linked fingers.	628	Gauge conversion of Lumding-Tinsukia-Dibrugarh/Ledo and branch lines from Furkating to Mariani and Simalguri-Moranhat have been completed and commissioned. Gauge Conversion work on Amguri-Tuli and Makum-Dangri is in progress and will be completed during 2001-02.
8.	Lumding-Silchar with MM to extension from Badarpur to Bhariagram	248	Final location survey completed. Geotechnical investigations are in Progress. Earthwork and bridge work are in progress on Lumding-Silchar section except the ghat section between Lungting and Ditokcherra. In the ghat section, land acquisition has been taken up.
9.	New Jalpaiguri-Siliguri-New Bongaigaon.	280	Earthwork & bridges are in progress in full length. Work is being planned for completion by March, 2003.
10.	Katakhal-Gairabhi	84	The work would be taken up once Lumding-Silchar is in advance stage of completion.
11.	New Guwahati-Lumding	208.6	Work completed and commissioned.